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Ron

Welcome to the last regular issue of Arena Report for 1990. We'll wrap the year up with a 20 page annual but let's talk about this one first. Before starting I'd like to thank everyone for the cards and letters on the birth of our son. Mom and baby are doing super. Onto this ish. We have a live Clash report from Jacksonville to start things off. Scott Hudson reviews tapings in Carrollton, Gainesville, and Marietta Georgia in his Journal. We have the debut of Klon and his "Under The Mushroom" column. Maybe he'll explain his title to you. I can't figure it out. Klon writing for "AR" comes after countless questions from Cheryl and his wife Elaine on why he doesn't write for me. Well, his signing is for them. Happy girls? Marianne Ryan is back with "Notes From The Parking Lot" and maybe elsewhere. We have a special report from Dan Reilly on the wrestling convention in Windsor Locks, CT. What? You didn't hear of one? That's basically Dan's title. Ramblings will have comments on Survivor Series, the Main Event special, hopefully news from the recent Titan tapings, and the usual ravings of a lunatic. Letters and match reports round out this issue.

As I mentioned earlier, the Arena Report 1990 Annual will come out in mid-December. You should all have it by Christmas unless of course you didn't order it. Remember that this is not part of your subscription package. You must send three dollars for the annual and there is an order form on the last page of this issue. Deadline for orders is 12/15. I've been inundated with requests to contribute to the year ender and at this time, here is the run-down on what you'll be seeing:

- A live WWF report from Orlando on 12/10.
- A live WWF taping from Tampa on 12/11.
- My picks for the top wrestler awards for 1990.
- Dave Meltzer picks his top ten singles and top ten tag teams for the year.
- Steve Beverly rates his top ten TV matches of the year.
- Klon will give Santa Claus his wrestler Xmas list.
- Dan Reilly takes a shot at hardcores for their bias towards the NWA.
- John "Food Report" Lanigan rates his top ten food items from across the country.
- Jersey Joe Mullins makes a return engagement and spins his tale of a "Cosmic Christmas."
- Jeff Zinger gives out awards to us, the fans.
- Plus, all the regular "AR" columnists featuring Evan Ginzburg, Scott Hudson, Mike Terry, and Marianne Ryan.
- "Ramblings", letters, correspondent reports, and much more.

I invited all the writers above to participate in the annual. Mr. Mullins and Mr. Zinger sent me columns that they wanted to contribute and I enjoyed both very much thus I added them to the star studded line-up. It'll be fun reading guaranteed. Remember the deadline for orders: 12/15.

Arena Report is published bi-weekly at the cost of 75¢ per issue. That price is good until Dec. 31 as starting Jan. 1, the price will be \$1.00 per issue. For those not getting the annual, the next issue of "AR" will be cover dated January 7, 1991. I will have a new address starting the new year as well as I'll have a P.O. Box which I will give in January. For now all subscriptions, letters, match results and the like may be sent to Ron Lemieux, 916 Sloewood Ct. Lake Mary, FL 32746. The number on your label indicates how many issues you have remaining. Now let's go to J-ville where we hope the NWA puts on a good Clash. May need lots of prayers for this one.

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE
"Clash of the Champions XIII"
Tuesday, November 20, 1990
Jacksonville Coliseum
Jacksonville, FL

Dark Match

Barry Horowitz pinned Mike Thor in the "cool down" match. Surely couldn't call it a warm up. Barry yelled out, "I'm the best wrestler in Florida." Some guy in response, "There are some sorry wrestlers in Florida than." Barry tried but why use Thor? Barry used a tight small package for the win in 11:15. $\frac{1}{2}$ * The Iron Priest had been skedded to wrestle Barry but was hurt. He did come out and wave to the crowd. He is a legit priest who works indies in the J-ville area.

Tag Team Match

Freebirds defeated Southern Boys in 4:46. First TV bout and we got screwed already. El Gigante missed his flight so they sent Bobby Eaton back to the locker room and we were deprived of seeing one of the best workers in the biz. Freebirds took credit for missing giant. What did they do, steal his plane tickets? Hot bout with no rests. Good finish. Steve Armstrong flew over the ropes and onto Jimmy Garvin who was on the ramp. Smothers came off the ropes but Richard Marley tripped Tracy and Hayes nailed the DDT. ***

3rd Match

Brian Pillman pinned Buddy Landell in 5:50. Pillman a sub for the troubled Juicer. Boy, did Brian strut his stuff or what. Took the opportunity as it seems he's in Ole's doghouse. He wasn't on the Havoc, wasn't skedded for this show, and not on the STARCADE lineup. Landell went for a superplex but Pillman knocked him off and hit the flying body for the win. ** $\frac{3}{4}$

4th Match

Big Cat beat Brad Armstrong in 4:25 when ref stopped the match with Brad up in a backbreaker. Save face for Armstrong I guess. Brad made this an acceptable bout. Curtis Hughes will make a decent heel. Has that persona. Some guy behind us yelled, "You threw good dropkicks in the AWA." Well, at least Hughes was recognized, but dropkicks? * $\frac{1}{4}$

5th Match

Tom Zenk beat Brian Lee with a dropkick from the top rope in 3:10. Every single person I've talked to since the show brings up Zenk's flying press on the invisible man. The crowd was roaring at that missed move. A couple other moves were badly timed as well. Can you believe Lee came in to do a 3 minute job for Z-Man? $\frac{1}{2}$ *

6th Match

Michael Wallstreet over Star Blazer in 4:13 with the Wallstreet Crash. Catchy finisher but just a Samoan drop. Wallstreet is of course Mike Rotunda's new gimmick. Seems he came into a great deal of money. Did Ted DiBiase give it to him? His valet Alexandria comes out with a computer to figure out how to beat his opponents. I like the new gimmick as Mike is a better heel than face. Blazer was Tim Horner. $\frac{1}{2}$ *

Starcade Elimination Match

Col. Klink & Sgt. Schultz beat The Beast & Kahlua in 5:21 to get the chance to compete in the tag tourney at STARCADE. Seriously, the first team was named Sgt. Krueger & Col. Deklerk. One was Ted Petty (Cheetah Kid) and the other was Ray Appolo. The black team was Larry Hamilton & Bill Tabb (Of Incubus fame (?)). Petty did some acrobats but the fans were clueless on these guys and rightfully so. WCW had no idea what harm they did to the credibility of the tourney with this monstrosity. Kamala was in Mexico and Botswana Beast in Japan so Tabb and Hamilton were last second replacements. Didn't we hear Beast would be in Japan 2 months ago? -*

8th Match

Lex Luger beat Motor City Madman in 2:34 with a clothesline that Mad Man was falling for before he even got hit. Before the bout, Luger was doing an interview and Big Cat came out and started mouthing off so Lex popped him. During the match, Luger couldn't suplex Moore in the ring or give him a full bodyslam. Maybe he should up the dosages. Cat came out to attack Lex and the other refs finally broke it up. * For heat on Lex. Fans love him.

Tag Team Match

Nasty Boys beat The Youngbloods in 4:42 via DQ when Steiners ran in and attacked Nasties. Match wasn't that good and run in wasn't anything special. Dud

10th Match

Sid Vicious beat The Nightstalker in 3:25. Stalker was by far the worst worker on this card. The worse worker I've seen in a while. Pretty bad when Sid has to call a match. He might as well have used a megaphone. Big Cat came to ringside and Sid popped him out of nowhere. He then used Stalker's ax and hit him with it to score the win. The two heels turned Sid face with a doubleteam. The fans in attendance were chanting for Lex to make the save. Actually would have been good if Spivey had. Dud

U.S. Tag Team Championship

Steiner Brothers destroyed Magnum Force (Ringlords) in 1:54. Scott used the Frankensteiner. Highlight of this match was Nasties run in as Scott absolutely leveled Knobbs with a steinerline. Awesome. * match but *** clothesline.

Danger Zone with Paul E. and Sting confronting a caged Scorpion. What happened? No caged Scorp. Just more magic garbage. Total waste and this angle is getting worse by the day. -*****

Title Shot vs. Limo

Ric Flair pinned Butch Reed in 14:02 to gain a shot at the world tag belts at STARCADE. Good action throughout. Simmons snuck in and clotheslined Ric but while Teddy Long was arguing with the ref, Arn came in and gave Reed a chair shot and put Flair on top for the win. Simmons not happy with Long when the cameras went off. ***

Notes

The coliseum was about half full so I'd say they had approx 5,000 fans there.....Very hot crowd though which made it more enjoyable than watching it on TBS which I haven't viewed as of yet.....I'm voting for that ramp as the NWA MVP of pay-per-views. Always some great work out of that ramp....I started thinking this was the Curtis Hughes show. We had his match, his angle with Luger, and one with Sid. Trying to push this guy or what....Midnights were listed in the program in the six man instead of Freebirds. No need for an explanation there.....Landell broke a finger during his bout with Pillman.....They had PPV flyers for STARCADE listing the tag title match. How did they know Flair would win? These guys should bet Vegas.

Ramblings

Where do I begin? This has been one heck of a week. There's lots going on so if I blow off looking at Survivors, don't be offended....I guess the news that has everyone buzzing is the sale of the USWA syndication package to Joe Pedicino. Pedicino will use it to start up his new group called Global Wrestling Federation. The new group will have regional outlets in Tennessee, (continued to be run by Jarrett) Texas, (Jarrett) Georgia, (Pedicino), and Florida (co-run by the two.). They will also run on a national basis. There is tons more to this story. It sounds exciting and I'd love to see it work, but if it does, it could mean the end of the NWA by the end of 1991. They will not have a booker but three talent coordinators, one being Eddie Gilbert, another being Bill Eadie (Ax Demolition) and another which is supposed to surprise us all. Eadie being involved is supposed to be hush hush but I've heard it from so many people that's probably common knowledge by now.....The Nasty Boys will be joining Titan Sports as of the first of the year. This is not the NWA's fault as they were offered hefty money to stay but they think they'll make millions in the Fed. I was told they made a big mistake. They will be feuding with the Road Warriors. Funny, Brian Knobbs was telling the boys in the dressing rooms that the Roadies better sell or there will be trouble. Hope the Roadies here that.....NWA will be offering alot more contracts now with Pedicino in business. They better. Rick & Scott Steiner have been offered a million each over three years and it's expected they'll sign. Hope so.....Craig Johnson was at the Baltimore card taking notes. Probably scouting for Global.....Gobbily Gooker at Survivors is Hector Guerrero.. I've now been told it's 100% that Dusty will be booking the NWA next year. Looks like Dustin will be in as well since he did the job for Virgil in the tag match at MSG Saturday night.....Marty Jannetty suffered a seperated shoulder at Survivors but he's still on the road.....Condolences to the Hart family in Calgary on the passing of Dean Hart from Kidney failure. He was 36 years old. Heard Titan was rough on Bret about getting time off. Give me a break.....Sherri Martel was in the hospital this past week with pnemonia.... Curt Hennig regained the I-C title from Kerry Von Erich last Monday at the tapings in Rochestor. DiBiase was responsible so Kerry will feud with Ted if he sticks around.....Paul Diamond and Pat Tanaka were reunited as a team since Akio Sato got a front office job. Diamond will wrestle under a hood as Kato and they will still have the Orient Express monicker.....Mark Callous debuted as the Undertaker managed by Brother Love. He was also the mystery partner of DiBiase's team at Survivors.....USA Today reported that the WWF will have alot more charity and autograph sessions in 1991.....If Jarrett lets Steve Keirn

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SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

000000000WWWWWWWWWW!!!!!!! Did you ever wonder what intense pain Sting must be feeling to have to scream like that!? Anyway (Taadaa!) It's issue 10 of Ole Andersn's favorite toilet paper, the Georgia Wrestling Journal.

VFW Fairgrounds-Carollton (11-11-90) GAW TV TAPINGS FOR DECEMBER 1, 1990 TO DECEMBER 29, 1990. 12-01-90: Ron Starr over Ray Bailey..Billy Black & Mr. Wrestling over Mountain Man & Chief Lynn..Steve Lawler over Nick Busick.. 12-08-90: Curtis Thompson over Mad Dog Joe..Jimmy Powell & Festus over The Avengers..Joel Deaton & Ron Starr over Finley & McDaniel..The Blazers over Billy Black & Mr. Wrestling.. 12-15-90: Jack Victory over Black Assassin..Chris Walker, Curtis Thompson, & Fabian over 3 jobbers..Billy Black and Steve Pritchard over Festus & Jimmy Powell.. 12-22-90: The Pretty Young Things over Mountain Man & Chief Lynn..Randy Rose over Eddie Sweat..Mike Winner over ?..Ron Starr & Joel Deaton and Curtis Thompson & Chris Walker DDQ.. 12-29-90: Steve Lawler over Curtis Thompson..Fabian over Steve Pritchard..The Ding Dongs (Festus & Powell) over Billy Black & Mr. Wrestling..
NEWS AND NOTES: Fabian is the new TV Champion, Steve Lawler is the new Georgia Heavyweight Champion, and The Ding Dongs are the new Tag Team Champs.. Former Heavyweight Champ Busick has taken a full-time job and will appear only on WVEU wraparounds..Thompson using the "U.S.Male" gimmick and looked great..PYT's are Frederick Avery & James Bryant using the sophisticates-out-water gimmick..Please do not refer to the Fabian-Thompson-Walker trio as The Juice Patrol..Ding Dongs used due to the suspension of Festus & Powell (ATT:180)

Georgia Mountains Center-Gainesville (11-12-90) NWA TV TAPING FOR DECEMBER 1, 1990. NWA Pro: Lex Luger over Bill Irwin..The Nasty Boys over McKinnon & Douglas..Terry Taylor over Rip Rogers..Doom over Parrish & Williams..Main Event: Tom Zenk over Motor City Madman..Power Hour: Southern Boys & El Gigante over Fabulous Freebirds & Dr. X (ATT: 900)

Cobb County Civic Center-Marietta (11-13-90) NWA TV TAPING FOR DECEMBER 1, 1990. World Championship Wrestling: Doom over Morgan & Williams..Fabulous Freebirds over Brad Armstrong & Alan Iron Eagle..Brian Pillman over Dutch Mantell..Terry Taylor over Vargas..The Nasty Boys over Stallion & ?..Michael Wallstreet over Angel..Tom Zenk over Kyle..Big Cat & Motor City Madman over ? & ?..Tommy Rich & Ricky Morton over South & Thor..Lex Luger & Big Van Vader over Big Cat & Motor City Madman..Sting over Horowitz..**NEWS AND NOTES**: Michael Wallstreet is the former Mike Rotunda using a Gordon Gekko gimmick. Lisa, the NWA make-up girl and girlfriend du jour, is Wallstreet's exectutive assistant wearing a short business dress and carrying a lap-top computer..J.W.Stormm was given his notice..Still no Juicer..Alan Iron Eagle blew out his knee missing a move (hard to tell exactly which missed move it was) in the Freebird squash..The Sting-Horowitz match originally was a Bout pitting Horowitz against Pablo Crenshaw. Sting walks to the ring and offers Horowitz "\$500" to leave and let him wrestle so that he may confront the Black Scorpion. Horowitz balks several times before Crenshaw accepts and hits the showers. However, there is only music and I think I heard one indistinguishable word from The Black Scorpion. Sting did not look happy..Arn & Barry did interviews leading up to the Starcade PPV (why not Ric Flair ?!)..Tom Zenk pinned Motor City Madman clean on two successive weeks. Zenk is overdue for a push and I hope this is it..Hey! Tessa's back!!!! Thank you, God, thank you! (ATT: 700) Later on

THE LAST WORD...**INTRODUCING****THE
BLADE
RUNNERS**

UNDER THE MUSHROOM
WITH
Kent "KLON" Herron

JOE PEDICINO, BLACK MAGIC, AND THE GOBBLITY GOOKER

I bring you greetings from under the mushroom! I trust the title of this column will not deter any readers with it's sense of the abstract.

The word has come down that Joe Pedicino is finally taking steps to start his long talked about promotion. I was actually thinking that ol' Joe was full of more bull than a Omaha steak factory. I guess the thought of a major promotion being based out of the Outhouse Auction Barn (or whatever that big tool crib is called) throws me. Joe has always used the cheap, homegrown variety of talent and I must wonder if the world is ready for Fatback Festus. A state-wide war may actually break out between Joe and his old boss Jim (I've got to save money so I can offer contracts to big talents like Nonnan and Tom Zerk) Hend. Don't get me wrong I would love to see a new big player (get it big player) on the promotional scene but is now the time to try such a venture? Best of luck Joe, you're gonna need it.

I attended the Black Scorpion Magic Show II (also known as Clash 13) in the Jacksonville Coliseum this week. The first two matches were great basically because the Southern Boys (I hate their gimmick) and Brian Pillman gave 110 percent. While those quasi-Indian Romero Brothers were standing in the ring awaiting the Nasty Boys, I was yelling out from my second row seat "what about Brody?". I know they heard me, I'm not easy to ignore! It seemed to be the Curtis Hughes (or is it Huge-thighs?) night in Clashville but I must admit he has great heel potential. They should have given Lex Luger the belt in Baltimore instead of "Sting. Sting is a kid's act like the Juicer. A large thumbs down on this Scorpion black magic crap, much more of this junk and WCW will lose my support. My theory about who will portray the Black Scorpion at Starcade lies between Ric Flair or Garland Donoho, not that I give a damn anymore. So Virgil Riley Runnels is coming back to book. I predict he will quickly put the world tag belts on the Nasty's (his boys from the PWF and great heels) and I have my fingers crossed for one last run for Ric Flair as champion. He truly deserves to be recognized as the greatest champion of them all.

The Survivors Series of 1990 is over and was'nt that a creative finish? Who would have known that it would end with Hogan and Ultimate Warrion posing? And what about that Goblity Gooker? I was very upset with one of my favorite heels, Roddy Piper shilling for this garbage while one look at the crowd told the truth. Thank goodness those fans in Conn are not mindless idiots! There was good action during this card but between Turkey Man (was it Larry Poffo?), the commentary by Sgt Slaughter, and the double pose finish it left a bad taste in my mouth.

So until Ron Lemieux sticks his hand out for another column, I bid you adieu.

NOTES FROM THE PARKING LOT

By
Marianne Ryan

It's been a wild and crazy month filled with strange car rides. First it was Milwaukee to Madison with the Macho King, Sensational Sherri and Bob Bradley. Then it was Madison to Chicago with Bret Hart and Davey Boy Smith (the British Bullfrog). Yesterday, it was Chicago to Peoria to Champaign to Chicago with Bret, Davey and Jim Neidhart. I have less than a week to get myself ready to do it again.

One thing I realized during all of this running around is how most people have forgotten that year long period during which Randy Savage was champion. With the immortalizing of Hulk Hogan and all the Ultimate Warrior hype, Savage's reign has become nothing more than a footnote in championship history. He was never given a chance to do much with the title as he was simply standing in for a vacationing Hogan.

That is a disgrace. Savage is one of the best wrestlers in the WWF. He made one of the best champions. He should be given a chance to be one again. And, if that means beating the Ultimate Warrior, that's fine by me. After watching the Warrior gorilla press Sherri and drop her on her face, it sickened me to think this is the guy McMahon is pushing as a hero to children. What is next? Will Vince have the Earthquake sit on her?

Yes, I am ecstatic over the fact that the Harts get to hold on to the belts for a little longer. I don't care how faulty the logic behind Jack Tunney's decision is. The belts belong around Bret and Jim's waists.

Despite the fact that he's been gone for some time now, there are those of you that may still be wondering where Rick Rude found the girls he gave the Rude Awakening to. Easy -- he paid for them. Yes. The last girl Rude kissed was hired by Titan from a local modeling agency. They didn't offer me any money when I was asked, but then you couldn't pay me enough to do that. At least not with him!

At the bash following Havoc and the WWF house show, I ran into my favorite person in the whole wide world -- Missy Hyatt. She had a major run in her pantyhose, and she bumped right into me. After

getting such a close look at her, I have but one question: Is anything on her real? Something tells me the Missy we see is not the Missy nature intended. And, what happened to her red hair?

As for the Survivor Series, I'm not going. I have to be at O'Hare Friday morning to pick up Bret, Jim and Davey. Besides, my mom is still angry at me for missing Thanksgiving dinner last year because of it. Dan, I hope you have/had a great time. As for the matches themselves, does anyone care who wins between the Alliance and the Mercenaries? I feel sorry for Shawn and Marty. Who's on their team? One guy who is blind and another who is insane. And then they have to fight the Visionaries. Add that to losing the tag team title before they even really had it. This really hasn't been their year. If it wasn't for Bret, Jim and Koko, I'd love to see DiBiase nail Dusty, especially if its Dustin in the egg. But since Dusty's teammates are three of my favorite guys, I hope they win. I really don't care about the Warriors against the Perfect Team. As for the Hulkamaniacs against the Natural Disasters (Gee, remember when it was the "National" disaster?), I just hope Hogan slams Earthquake and gets this stupid feud over with.

Some final thoughts. No, I don't travel with Matt Brock. I have low standards, and only travel with wrestlers. For that matter, most of what I do, I do with them. I know you're thinking -- STOP THAT. I'm not that type of girl. (Quit laughing Ron!). In all seriousness, the only times I go out or travel, its with them. Otherwise, I'm sitting at home slaving over my column. It's a pitiful existence, but hey, someone has to keep the boys company on the long drives (ah, to drive 500 miles and end up exactly where you started).

Evan -- I'm working on the autograph.

Real quick, welcome back Mike McGuirk. She's been out following back surgery and just started back on the road. HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYBODY!!!

On Saturday November 10th in the small town of Windsor Locks, CT (midway between Hartford and Springfield, MA), a Wrestling Fans Fantasy Weekend took place. I believe it was the first wrestling fans gathering either not put on by a major wrestling radio talk show host or a wrestling bulletin editor. It reminded me of one of the many baseball card shows run all over the country but without the organization of these well oiled machines. This wrestling convention thing is brand new and the guys running this one, Chris Liano and Mark Soticheck really tried to deliver but fell short. It was a fun time but left a lot to be desired.

Ads were run in both main daily newspapers in the area, the Hartford Courant and the Springfield Union News, yet only 250 fans tops showed up. The promoters must have lost a bundle. As promised, Greg Valentine did show up but was sequestered in the autograph room and unless you wanted to shell out the \$6.00 admission charge, a \$6.00 autograph fee, and \$3.00 for a photo, you wouldn't get to see Greg. Once inside, you were ushered into the room by a "goon squad" (as out of town visitor Ferk aptly called them) and there you got a few minutes to hear the Hammer talk about his possible movie offers and commercial work once his WWF career is finished after Survivor Series. Greg was cordial enough but looked very bored and tired and I'm sure couldn't wait until it was over. Greg probably kay fabbed us all by telling us Andre was going to be in the egg at the Thanksgiving show.

Ken Patera was excellent. He answered all questions and seemed to be having a decent time. He works around 60 dates a year, has no urge ever to go back to a major federation, co-owns a limo service in the Minneapolis area, and owns his own gym. He was hawking T-shirts and sweatshirts once he left the autograph room. Funny thing is, once he left the room, he signed autographs for free with no 6 buck fee.

Other guests were Moondog Spot, Misty Blue, and Linda Dallas.. These three never left their perch inside the guest room (Probably for fear of not getting paid by the promoter.) and if any of them signed 10 autographs all day I'd be surprised. Inside the main ballroom, legend Killer Kowalski (Who runs a wrestling school in a Boston suburb.) had a full sized ring set up and every hour or so had two of his students work a match for the audience. They did a good job. Walter then hawked his school unmercifully, "Look how good these guys are in just 4½ months." Walter had a female companion there who must have asked everyone in attendance (three times each) if they wanted for a small \$20.00 fee to get in the ring for a mini wrestling lesson. There were few takers but she was obnoxious for sure. This woman demanded \$2.00 for each signature he did. I think if you asked her directions to the men's room, she charged \$2.00.

Ox Baker (Crippled by arthritis and years of being belted around in the ring.) had a both inside yelling like a circus carnival barker. He was selling \$2 photos but 3.00 for a color one. Ox couldn't have been nicer posing for pictures, joking with the customers, and even singing a rendition of Happy Birthday to a friend of his. When a wise guy told him, "Your too old.", Ox got up off his seat, put down his pipe, got his lighter out and proceeded to actually singe the hairs on his arm with the flame. I guess this was Ox's way to let us know that he was still a tough guy who could mess with the youngest of them. Ox was bragging about his Night Stalker find and how he was going to shake up the NWA. We'll see.

It was great to see good friend Tom Burke who manned his Global Wrestling booth. Tom has a magazine collection that all of us envy and he said business for him was pretty brisk considering the small turnout.

Faces in the crowd: Jody Boynes who puts out the under-appreciated New England Wrestling Scene. Met Georgiann Makropoulos from New York City. She puts out Wrestling Chatterbox. She had a huge get well card for Brutus Beefcake that everyone signed. Also met for the first time John Pantozzi from Long Island, a very nice guy and an A.R. reader to boot!

But this convention was mainly for the mark and it had very little if any hardcore fan publicity. It was a good concept that didn't really work this time around. This is an idea that is really in its infancy stages and needs time to get ironed out. Perhaps some day these conventions can become as polished as the sports memorabilia shows, it is headed in that direction.

Correspondent's Corner

Dorton Arena (NWA)

Raleigh, NC

November 3, 1990

Correspondent: Mike Gunter

- 1) The Juicer pinned Dutch Mantell in a good opener. Barr over with the crowd. C+
- 2) Terry Taylor sunset flipped Iron Sheik. Both got good chair shots in. D+
- 3) Junkyard Dog headbutted Moondog Rex who juiced the hardway. Dud
- 4) Steiners and Nasty Boys went to a double DQ as Nasties attacked before the

bell and they took Scott back to dressing room. Taylor replaced him but Scott ran back out near the end and ref stopped it. B+ 5) El Gigante beat El Diablo with a big foot to the face. D 6) Doom went to a double count out with Ric Flair and Arn Anderson in 25 minutes of a great bout. B 7) Sting pinned Sid Vicious clean in the middle in a bout better than their havoc match. At one point, Sid slammed Sting on the table hard outside the ring. B Att: 3,700

Monseignor Bonner H.S. (WWA)

Drexel Hill, PA

November 9, 1990

Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Golden Phoenix pinned Jungle Jim McPherson. F 2) Blade pinned B.T. Express (Rasslin Riot editor Brian Tramel) F 3) Sandman beat J.T. Smith. C 4) Jerry Lawler beat Eddie Gilbert when Cactus Jack missed Jerry with a foreign object and nailed Hot Stuff. Manson and Gilbert split afterwards. B 5) Rockin Rebel over Sonny Blaze. Dud 6) Larry Winters & Johnny Hot Body beat South Philly Hitmen. D 7) Stan Lane & Eddie Gilbert beat Terry Funk & Cactus Jack when Stan hit Jack with Jim Cornette's tennis racquet. Gilbert subbed for Eaton who had an injured knee but was at ringside. The top rope broke during the bout but they adlibbed and did great. B+ 8) Handsome Jimmy Shoulders won a 20 man battle royal. F Att: 600

Neil Armstrong School (WWA)

Bensalem, PA

November 10, 1990

Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Kowabunga pinned Chico Gomex. FF 2) Heavy Metal Maniac beat B.K. Blanche. 3) Chris Schandio over Jimmy Shoulders. D 4) Golden Phoenix pinned The Spider C 5) Big Boss over Johnny Oshing. 6) Eddie Gilbert and Cactus Jack went to a double DQ as they brawled all over the building. B 7) Jerry Lawler beat Terry Funk via DQ. Cactus and Gilbert did a run in. C 8) Tony Stetson over Johnny Hotbody in a cage match. D Att: 350

Boston Garden (WWF)

Boston, MA

November 11, 1990

Correspondent: Louis Fortuna

1) Bret Hart used a piledriver to beat Honkey Tonk Man in 9:52. 2) Hawk pinned Demo Crush with a small package after missing his off the top rope shoulder block but recovered to score the pin. 3) Ted DiBiase pinned Dusty Rhodes after Dust went after Virgil who was on the apron but Ted rolled up Rhodes from behind. 4) Tito Santana beat Boris Zhukov with the flying forearm in 10:53. 5) Hacksaw Duggan over Greg Valentine in 7:47 when Hack whipped Greg into Jimmy Hart and covered Valentine. 6) Earthquake beat Tugboat using the megaphone to the head and elbow drop to secure the victory. 7) Earthquake won a 20 man bunkhouse brawl in 13:58 by eliminating Tito Santana. Att: 6,500

Memorial Hall (NWA)

Kansas City, KS

November 15, 1990

Correspondent: Bruce Grummert

1) Mike Rotunda over Allan Iron Eagle. Rotunda took on his Michael Wallstreet persona and was a heel halfway through match. 2) Iron Sheik pinned Brad Armstrong after using his loaded boot. A fan tried to jump Sheik after the bout but security stepped in. 3) Trucker Norm beat Barry Horowitz. 4) Junkyard Dog & Big Cat beat The Moondogs. JYD worked alone as Hughes went back to the dressing room leaving Dog to fend for himself. 5) Brian Pillman beat Buddy Landell. 6) Southern Boys bested The Freebirds in the best bout of night. 7) Lex Luger defeated Harley Race with a flying bodypress off the top rope. 8) Sting beat Sid Vicious. Match not as good as Chitown. Att: 2,000

Providence Civic Center (WWF)

Providence, RI

November 21, 1990

Correspondent: Louis Fortuna

1) Haku over Koko Ware with a savate kick in 10:05. 2) Ted DiBiase rolled up Dusty Rhodes after Dust went after Virgil again in 8:13. 3) Big Boss Man beat Barbarian after he reversed a sunset flip in 12:44. Heenan then came out on a crutch and said he'd sue the WWF, Providence, and every fan in attendance because he slipped in the back. 4) Sgt. Slaughter & General Adnon over Hack Duggan & Nicolai Volkoff in 9:25. Volkoff was going for a slam on Sarge but Adnon hooked his leg and he collapsed with Slaughter on top. 5) Randy Savage beat Ultimate Warrior via Count out in 7:48. After a ref bump, Randy hit Warrior outside the ring with the title belt where he was counted out. 6) Rockers beat Power & Glory via DQ when Hercules hit Marty with a chain. 7) Davey Boy Smith powerslammed Boris Zhukov in 2:39. 8) Hart Foundation turned back Rhythm & Blues in 16:20 after Bret covered Honkey when Greg accidentally hit HTM with the guitar.

Tampa Sportatorium (PWF)

Tampa, FL

November 23, 1990

Correspondent: Shannon Rose

1) Frankie Lancaster superplexed Mike DeBacco. 2) Tim Parker pinned Coconut Kid

with a rolling cradle. 3) Jimmy Backlund beat Johnny Pavros with a legdrop off the top rope. After, Backlund pulled out an object but Hurricane Walker came in and nailed Jimmy with brass knucks. 4) Steve Keirn beat Stomper Don Harris when Harris's manager Johnny G. Lyons hit Don with a chair by accident. 5) Hurricane Walker & The Terminator over Ron Slinker & Mark Starr via DQ. Att: 130

Baltimore Arena (NWA)

Baltimore, MD

November 24, 1990

Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Norman pinned Buddy Landell after a clothesline. Buddy doing jobs for Norman. Unreal. 2) Tim Horner rolled up Doug Superior in a horrendous bout. Horner couldn't lead Doug through anything. 3) Terry Taylor over Motor City Madman. 4) Junkyard Dog pinned Iron Sheik. 5) Ricky Morton, Tommy Rich, & El Gigante beat Freebirds & Moondog Rex when Morton pinned Rex. 6) Lex Luger pinned Big Cat and then tried to put him in the rack but Madman came out and attacked Lex but Luger turned the tide and double clotheslined them. 7) Rick Steiner beat Jerry Saggs in a cage match. Was to be a tag but it was announced that Scott was severely injured in Atlanta on Thanksgiving night. Not sure on that one. But Knobbs attacked the keeper of the door and jumped in to double on Rick while the ref was down. Luger ran out and clotheslined Saggs and Rick got the pin. 8) Doom beat Flair & Anderson in a cage when Reed pinned Arn. Flair bled. Att: 4,500

Letters To "AR"

Syndication

Do enough people actually watch "WWF Wrestling Spotlight" and the syndie "NWA Main Event" to make the production of these shows profitable? I can't see why anyone would go out of their way to watch a Titan show that not only features matches exactly the same as on the other shows, but shows them later to boot. And are there enough non-cable diehards that justify having an NWA syndicated show virtually identical to one of TBS' offerings?

If Mark Callous is indeed the eggman, will his first move to be teaming with Rusty Brooks who will be quick to assert that while Callous is the Egg Man, he is the walrus?

Greg Petrosino
Bel Air, MD

RL- I don't believe the cost in producing the two shows you mention is too high. All they have to do is splice segments together from their tapes. The biggest pain has to be doing the commentary. I agree that it seems a waste of time as I don't believe either show is in that many markets.

Havoc

Thanks to a friend with a dish, I just watched Halloween Havoc. You know, the one with all the subtitles. I was beginning to think they should have added another: "Card of the Ponytails."

If I was into giving thumbs up, this would get one. I was very impressed with the booking and workrate. Even JYD worked or at least tried. Very creative booking including some shockers. The false finish/false Stinger thing was excellent. I would say that all the smarts who were calling so stridently for Ole's head should publically apologize to him. No doubt Marianne was impressed with Missy's outfits.

Rodney Leighton
Pugwash, Nova Scotia

WWF

The WWF certainly looks to be having some hard times. Well, it's their own fault. They've screwed up royally with their "the biggest, the dumbest, the goofiest, the least articulate, the better?" mentality. The reason they are all cartoon characters is because McMahon disregards all fans except the children. He might stop to think who brings in these kids to the matches, huh? They cancelled their 11/21 show in Poughkeepsie and are not scheduled to appear there the rest of the year. Maybe if they stay away, the NWA will come back to the area and we can see some wrestling.

Did you read Wade Keller's article about Bret Hart a couple weeks ago? If McMahon followed his advice in regard to Hart, Hogan would be history and the WWF would prosper once more. Isn't it fun to indulge in wishful thinking now and then?

Marilyn Rundle
Gardiner, NY

RL- If any of the promoters listened to their fans, they'd be millionaires.

Thesz, Juicer, & Ventura

What I want to know is after reading Lou Thesz's letter in the Wrestling Observer, who can you trust? Is it my imagination or do all these old timers come off as vindictive, bitter, "I'm better and smarter than everyone else" folks?

While I can appreciate being corrected for calling Beetlejuice a convicted rapist by John Lanigan, it doesn't change the point of my letter one little bit. "Sexual misconduct" is hardly the stuff of kids' heroes either. Let's face it, the guy had to leave town before sundown.

If they don't get Mayor Ventura back on color when Piper leaves the Superstars color position (at least that's what everyone's been saying) things don't sound too promising as replacements.

Teresa DeMarie
Tuckahoe, NY

J.Z. Travis

Referring to your comment in last issues "Halloween Havicness" column ("But where was J.Z. Travis's woman?"), first of all; she's not my woman, she's Zingers'. Sandi doesn't even really like me, except under certain conditions-if you know what I mean and I think you do. (Apologies to Joe Bob Briggs for stealing his line.) And if your that intersted, she can be seen sitting beside (to the right of) Zinger during a close up crowd shot a short time into the Sting-Vicious match.

J.Z. Travis
Woodstock, ONT

RL- I did go back and look on the tape. You know, I've seen her somewhere before. That's right. She was with Ricky Morton after the Clash in Jacksonville.

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& Mike Graham have a hand in running the Florida promotion, it's doomed to failure.....Mr. Fuji back managing Demolition Smash & Crush.....Buddy Landell took Jimmy Garvin's place with Michael Hayes in Columbus, GA as Garvin refuses to work there again after legal problems.....Booker Bowdren was in town over the holidays and joined me for Survivors. He wants to know why NWA jobber Randy Hogan was captain of the Hulkamaniacs?.....Speaking of Survivors, the action was real good. Fast paced but the booking left tons to be desired. If your not running an angle with Hogan-Warrior, why did they have to win. Same old stuff.....Hate to pick on Toronto Star wrestling columnist Norman Da Costa but someone better fill him in. He reported that WWF referee Danny Davis had left to wrestle in Memphis and sometimes donned the hood as the Galaxian. Two Danny Davis's Norman. What an insult to the Memphis one..... The Buddy Rose diet plan was the funniest thing I've seen on wrestling in years. Only Rose could pull it off.....Get well wishes to subscriber and Malenko trainee Eric DePalma who recently underwent back surgery..... This recently in the Orlando Sentinel from "Mailman" Karl Malone, "That wasn't basketball the Magic were playing out there. That was something out of the WWF." Now imagine if he had said, "That was something out of the USWA." Most people would have thought he was talking about our armed forces..... Thanks to Bruce Ginevan who sent me a copy of the Tom Robinson benefit show four days after it occurred. Anyone interested in getting a copy, contact Bruce at 405 Deep Run Pkwy, Elkridge, MD 21227. It's a must for tape collectors.....Big article in the Sentinel on 11/17 talking about the wrestling vs. kids viewing topic. Arguments made for and against with all the same arguments. Nothing new.....Wade Keller recently ran an excellant interview with Joe Pedicino on his USWA buyout. Wade's "Torch Talks" is what I look forward to the most. If you haven't tried Wade's "Torch" yet, please do so. Rates are 4 issues for \$5.00. Send to Pro Wrestling Torch, P.O. Box 201844, Minneapolis, MN 55420. Tell him "AR" sent you..... That does it for this issue. Send in those annual orders. You won't want to miss it. See ya,

Ron Simmons pinned Ric Flair in 6:00 in front of 700 Ron
in Greenboro 11/15

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Forgot to mention that it looks like Flair will
be Scorpion at Starcade. Heavy rumors that Ric will
win title back on Xmas night in Atlanta.